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Chief Justice Minton to give 2016 State of the Judiciary address before Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary on Friday, Sept. 23

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 19, 2016 – Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. will present the 2016 State of the Judiciary address on Friday, Sept. 23. The presentation will take place in Room 171 in the Capitol Annex in Frankfort at 10 a.m. EDT.

This is Chief Justice Minton's annual address before the General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary. He will provide an update on recent successes and challenges and look at upcoming initiatives for the state court system.

The full address will be posted [here](#) shortly after the conclusion of his remarks. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can watch the committee meeting online as it is taking place Friday. Click [IJC on Judiciary](#) for KET's live stream at 10 a.m. EDT. KET also provides archived coverage of meetings. To view the meeting later, visit Archived Legislative Coverage and click on the video titled [Interim Joint Cmte. on Judiciary](#).

The chief justice is the administrative head of the state court system and is responsible for overseeing its operation. [Chief Justice Minton](#) was elected to the Supreme Court in 2006. His fellow justices elected him to serve a third four-year term as chief justice in 2016.

In July 2016, Chief Justice Minton was elected by his fellow chief justices to serve a one-year term as [president](#) of the Conference of Chief Justices and chair of the [National Center for State Courts Board of Directors](#). Chief Justice Minton is the first chief justice from Kentucky to hold this post in nearly 25 years. In addition, the [White House](#) announced in July 2016 that President Barack Obama had nominated Chief Justice Minton to serve on the board of directors of the [State Justice Institute](#), a federal nonprofit corporation that awards grants to improve the quality of justice in state courts. Chief Justice Minton must next be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

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